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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

Enclosed for filing please find a response to a final Office Action dated June 12, 2006. A shortened statutory period of three (3) months was set for response.

I hereby certify that this correspondence and the response are being deposited with the United States Post Office as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on July 14, 2006.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Guy Walter
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